

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-39 (Cancelled)

40. (Currently amended) A method of presenting advertising information comprising the steps of:

storing an application, data to be acted upon by the application and advertising data in computer readable form;

displaying an advertisement based on the advertising data;

running the application using the data to be acted upon by the application;

terminating the application;

~~after the application is terminated~~ at a time when the application is not running, receiving and saving additional data to be operated upon by the application and additional advertising data;

displaying an advertisement based on the additional advertising data; and

running the application using the additional data to be acted upon by the application.

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40 wherein said step of displaying an advertisement based on the additional advertising data comprises the step of displaying an advertisement based on the additional advertising data in response to a request to run the application using the additional data to be acted on by the application.

42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 41 including the additional step of, after displaying an advertisement based on the additional advertising data, requiring an input from a user before running the application using the additional data.

43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40 including the additional step of storing an execution result of running the application and wherein said step of receiving and saving additional data to be operated upon by the application comprises the step of receiving additional information to be acted upon based on the stored execution result.

44. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40 including the additional step of specifying the additional advertising information to be received.

45. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40 wherein said step of displaying an advertisement occurs before said step of running the application using the data to be acted upon by the application.

46. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40 wherein said step of displaying an advertisement based on the additional advertising data occurs before running the application using the additional data to be acted upon by the application.

47. (Previously presented) An information processing apparatus comprising:
an information storing medium storing an application, data to be acted upon by said application, and advertising data;
a processor for running the application using the data to be acted upon by said application and for displaying an advertisement based on said advertising data;
an information receiving unit for receiving, when said processor is not running the application, additional data to be acted upon by said application and additional advertising data;
and
an input for inputting an instruction to run said application using said additional data to be acted upon by said application.

48. (Previously presented) The information processing apparatus of claim 47 wherein said application comprises a game.

49. (Previously presented) The information processing apparatus of claim 47 wherein said information storing medium stores an execution result of said application.

50. (Previously presented) The information processing apparatus of claim 49 including an advertising specifying unit for specifying additional advertising data.

51. (Previously presented) The information processing apparatus of claim 47 wherein said input for inputting an instruction comprises an input for inputting either an instruction to run said application using said data to be acted upon by said application or said additional data to be acted upon by said application.

Claim 52 (Cancelled).

53. (Previously presented) An information processing apparatus comprising:
an information storing medium storing an application, data to be acted upon by said application, and advertising data, wherein said data to be acted upon by the application does not comprise advertising information or formatting information for advertising information;
a processor for running the application using the data to be acted upon by said application and for displaying an advertisement based on said advertising data;
an information receiving unit for receiving, when said processor is not running the application, additional data to be acted upon by said application and additional advertising data;
and
an input for inputting an instruction to run said application using said additional data to be acted upon by said application.

54. (Currently amended) A method of presenting advertising information comprising the steps of:
storing an application, data to be acted upon by the application and advertising data in computer readable form, wherein said data to be acted upon by the application does not comprise advertising information or formatting information for advertising information;
displaying an advertisement based on the advertising data;
running the application using the data to be acted upon by the application;

terminating the application;
~~while the application is terminated~~ at a time when the application is not running,
receiving and saving additional data to be operated upon by the application and additional
advertising data;
displaying an advertisement based on the additional advertising data; and
running the application using the additional data to be acted upon by the application.

55. (Currently amended) A method of presenting advertising information comprising the
steps of:

storing an application, data to be acted upon by the application and advertising data in
computer readable form, wherein said data to be acted upon by the application does not comprise
advertising information or formatting information for advertising information;

displaying an advertisement based on the advertising data;
running the application using the data to be acted upon by the application;
receiving and saving additional data to be operated upon by the application and additional
advertising data;

presenting a choice between running the application using either the data to be acted upon
by the application or running the application using the additional data to be acted upon by the
application;

in response to a request to run the application using the data to be acted upon by the
application, running the application using the data to be acted upon by the application and in
response to a request to run the application using the additional data to be acted upon by the
application running the program using the additional data to be acted upon by the application;

~~receiving a request to run the application using the additional data to be operated upon by~~
~~the application;~~

~~in response to the request to run the application using the additional data to be operated~~
~~upon by the application and before running the application using the additional data to be~~
operated upon by the application, displaying an advertisement based on the additional
advertising data; and

running the application using the additional data to be acted upon by the application.

56. (New) The method of claim 55 including the additional step of running the application using the data to be acted on by the application after running the program using the additional data to be acted upon by the application.